

TRAVELING ON LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION during COVID-19

Effective February 1, 2021, masks are required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

Public transportation is critical for many people in the region. Please travel only when necessary such as to work, medical appointments, and grocery shopping. When possible consider walking or biking.



Whenever out in public, wear a mask.

Wearing a mask protects you, other riders, drivers, and other public transit employees. Many people can spread the virus before symptoms start to show

The CDC recommends double-masking i.e. wearing a cloth mask over a surgical mask to create multiple layers and to ensure maximum protection



Avoid touching your face, nose, mouth and eyes, to decrease the chance of germs entering your system

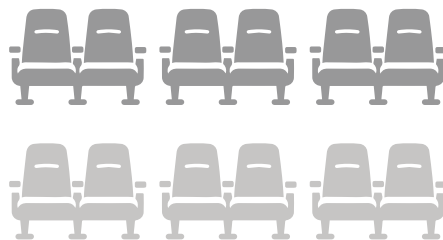
Wash your hands as soon as possible after leaving the bus, train, taxi or ride-hailing services.

The virus can live on surfaces we commonly touch while traveling. Hand sanitizer is fine but a thorough handwashing with soap and water is best



Allow for more time to travel.

Metro has reduced its customer seating by 50 percent. The digital signs on the bus will tell riders to wait for the next bus, when 50 percent of seats are taken



When using ride-hailing services, stay cautious about protecting yourself and the driver.

There may be a false sense of comfort because of the limited contact with other riders. However, the close contact can make it easier to spread the virus between driver and passenger.



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